

larly and visiting faithfully done, the Presbyterians and Methodists have each erected a building for their services in spite of the fact that if every man, woman and child in reach were to attend any one place there would be a very small congregation. But competition must be carried on!

HOLY TRINITY Y. P. A.—The opening meeting of the Young People's Association of Holy Trinity Church was held at the Canadian Institute. There was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by Rev. Geo. Nattrass. Mr. Alan Macdougall, C.E., president of the association, delivered his annual address, also an interesting lecture on the subject of "Our Air-Food." A musical and literary programme, in which the following ladies and gentlemen took part, was present:—Miss O'Reilly, Miss Marling, Miss Wyatt, Messrs. Brown, W. Foster, C. Rudge and H. Rudge.

MIMICO.—Christ's Church.—Confirmation Services.—Christ's Church, Mimico, was taxed to its utmost capacity on the 18th inst., the occasion being the confirmation of eleven young people by the Bishop of Toronto, who addressed a few words to the young advising them as to their future course, bringing his remarks to a close with a grand appeal to those present to fully realize the position they occupy after confirmation. The church at Mimico is in a very prosperous condition, owing principally to the untiring efforts of the able pastor, Rev. Mr. Tremayne, and to the two efficient trustees and churchwardens, Mr. James Bedingfield and Mr. S. Eastwood.

UNIVERSITY OF TRINITY COLLEGE.—The following is a list of the successful candidates at the October Examination.

Faculty of Divinity.—Final Examination for B.D.—Rev. W. E. Cooper.

First Examination for B.D.—Rev. R. G. Sutherland, Rev. G. B. Sage.

Faculty of Arts.—Theological Honours at B.A.—Class I, H. Symonds.

Classical Honours at B.A.—Class II, E. C. Cayley. **Supplemental Final Examination—Class II, C. B. Beck**; allowed the examination, J. A. Ritchie.

Supplemental Primary Examination.—H. Leake; allowed the examination, J. K. Godden, H. H. Johnston.

Supplemental Matriculation Examination.—W. J. L. McKay, Rev. J. Kerr; allowed the examination, E. F. Ambry.

Supplementary examination of the divinity class.—Allowed the examination, Rev. C. Scadding.

Faculty of Music.—Second examination for Bachelor of Music.—Class II, Miss E. S. Mellich, Miss H. E. Gregory, Class III, Rev. W. Roberts.

First Examination for Bachelor of Music.—Class I, C. S. Carter, E. A. Bishop, J. C. Jeffers. Class II, W. F. Foot, Mrs. M. E. Biglow. Class III, Miss L. F. Symons, Miss L. Birdsall.

TRINITY COLLEGE LITERARY SOCIETY.—At the first regular meeting of the Trinity College Literary Society, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Spenser D. Hague, B.A.; treasurer, Mr. W. A. H. Lewis; secretary, Mr. T. G. A. Wright; librarian, Mr. G. N. Beaumont; curator, Mr. R. A. Matheson; non-official members of council, Messrs. Broughall, jr., and Davis.

Sisterhood of St. John the Divine.—A very successful "At Home," in aid of the new infirmary, took place last week at Mrs. James Henderson's, Wellesley Place. The contributions amounted to \$325, a generous response, which the Sisters thankfully appreciate, as it supplies at once, some desired accessories, that will increase materially, the usefulness of the Infirmary, and the comfort of the inmates under their care.

NIAGARA.

St. Catherines.—On Thursday last, St. Barnabas' Church began its harvest festival by a celebration of the holy communion at 8 a.m., and in the evening held a special service, which was attended by a crowded congregation. The city clergy were present and assisted, entering with the choristers at the western door, going up the nave into the chancel, passing on their way through miniature sheaves of wheat which fringed the choir stalls, and under the gigantic bunch of grapes, weighing some sixty pounds, that on this festival always hangs from the central arch of the rood screen. The decorations throughout were tasteful and artistic in arrangement, the altar beautiful in festal garb and a blaze of flowers. Narrow wreathings of wheat, berries, grapes, &c., adorned every available

space in the chancel. Baskets of choice fruits, &c. &c. Voluntary offerings of every description were to be seen heaped round the base of the font, intermixed with flowers and evergreen. The font itself never looked more lovely. In the nave was a small cross sent by the express wish of a little boy in Montreal, who has a very warm spot in his heart for St. Barnabas' Church. The incumbent, Rev. A. W. Macnab, sang the service, which was of the heartiest character, reverent and devout, full responses from choir and people, a cornet and stringed instruments adding much to the strength and efficiency of the music. The sermon preached by Rev. E. M. Bland was excellent, and admirably adapted to the occasion. It is noticeable that this church with its congregation composed almost entirely of mechanics and labouring people, always holds its harvest festival on a week day instead of combining the special occasion with Sunday worship, as is the custom with so many churches.

HURON.

WOODS ROCK.—St. Paul's Church.—On Friday last the ladies of the congregation provided a most bountiful repast which was enjoyed by a host of sympathisers and friends. The Rev. Mr. Gemley, rector of Simcoe, was present on the occasion—indeed such an occasion without Mr. Gemley, would be hardly up to the taste of our people. The reverend gentleman was especially effective in his address. The Rev. Mr. Saunders, of Ingersoll, Mr. Wood, just from England, and the Rev. E. B. Hamilton, of Eastwood, were present and contributed much to the enjoyable event of the evening, which was a profitable one to the old church. On the following Sunday Mr. Gemley preached a most powerful sermon from the text "there is nothing," and in the evening he addressed an immense congregation, taking for his subject, 1st and 2nd verses of 1st Hebrews. The music on both morning and evening was something surpassing church efforts in Woodstock, and reflected much credit on Mr. Coventry and his most efficient staff.

WINDSOR.—The Church of All Saints' have appointed three members, as delegates to wait on the Lord Bishop of the diocese, relative to the appointment of a clergyman to supply the parish vacant by the resignation of the late rector, the Rev. W. R. Ramsay.

Chapter House.—The annual festival of harvest home, was held on Thursday evening, November 1, in the Convocation Hall of the Western University. The hall was beautifully decorated by the ladies of the church, who are certainly second to none others in their labours of love for the old Church. There was a large attendance to participate in the pleasures of the evening. The Revs. Canon Innes, E. Davis, G. G. Ballard, and R. Ballard, gave addresses. The speakers were introduced by Mr. W. J. Imlach, the superintendent of the Sunday School. On the whole the Harvest home was an exceedingly pleasant entertainment, and we must congratulate the Chapter House Guild by whom the festival was designed and carried out for the happy issue of this as well as their many other good works.

ALGOMA.

BRACEBRIDGE.—Will you kindly make the following corrections in your account of the subscribers to the Bracebridge parsonage. Mr. G. W. Wicksteed gave \$100, the people of Bracebridge subscribed \$1,000. The bazaar was a success as it deserved to be, under the able direction of the ladies of the guild, netting the fund \$220. We have now on hand about \$700 cash, and \$800 subscribed. Total \$1,500 towards the building which we trust may be begun this year. By making the above corrections and this statement, you will oblige,

JAMES BAYDELL,
Incumbent.

The harvest thanksgiving services in the mission of Rosseau, were held on September 22 and 23, commencing at Ullswater at 10 a.m., matins, holy communion, and sermon which was to have been preached by the Rev. R. W. Plante, of Port Sydney, but owing to circumstances over which he had no control, he was prevented, and was preached by the incumbent in his absence. The church was beautifully decorated, and showed great taste on the part of all who were engaged in the work. The congregation was very good. At Rosseau the home station, the services were matins at 11 a.m., holy communion and sermon by the Rev. E. S. Knight, of Port Carling, who preached again at evensong at 7:30. The church was most tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne, begs to acknowledge the receipt of several papers, viz: "The Guardian," "Church Times," "Banner of Faith," from friends to his mission, names unknown, also the "Dawn of Day," from Miss Rowe, Orillia, and also the "Canada Missionary," from some kind person to him unknown, and the "Guardian," from Mr. Joseph Unsworth.

Correspondence.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

HURON AFFAIRS.

SIR.—To be, or not to be, is at present *in statu quo*, and concerning which the diocese is at fever heat. But what is it which so agitates the diocese, and keeps up its state of perturbation? It is a simple matter in itself, but its solution extends far in its effects. It arises from out of an upheaval of public opinion which convulses the diocese to its very centre, and which has converted a garden into a wilderness. Huron retains her name, but the glory of her work has gone. Peace and prosperity have been supplanted by strife, and the clarion note of war sounds long and deep. To be, or not to be, is within the narrow limits of a decision directed by the authority of one who holds the reins of the office, and upon which momentous consequences depend. It is either a return to that peace concerning which the Head of the Church declared, "my peace I give you," or a continuance of strife, the end of which it is difficult to forecast. It is for the godly Bishop of Huron to say which it shall be, for he only can speak with authority. He must decide either in favor of the law or the Gospel. Shall it be an appeal to the diocese through the Synod, or to the highest court in Caesar's realm? One or the other, and what is done, must be done quickly. Huron litigation must terminate one way or the other, and the dire consequence of a false step centre in the "action" of one, either by bearing the heavy burden, or by placing it upon diocesan shoulders. Will the good Bishop call the Synod together, or will he not? "No action" compel the diocese to continue the din of strife, control the issue without the consent of its head. Evil counsel, and irresponsible counsellors, can not ease responsible authority of its weighty burdens. It is fixed by a higher law than that of man. It would be well should the higher law prevail. Is truth, at the present crisis, "no action" is a delusion and a snare. The successful advisers of Rehoboam rent the kingdom, but the king was responsible for war, strife, and the loss of Judah's inheritance. Why did the king give ear to unwise counsel?

But I am forgetful of my promise to your readers, for upon our meeting again, I was to speak of that eminent seat of learning, the Western University. Great as it is, it is for the moment overshadowed by the clouds of war, when they clear away, its glory will be more dazzling, the brilliant effects of erudition being more attractive in times of peace. The halls of learning do, or should reveal something of the intellectual greatness and moral dignity of Salem's king. But where shall I begin? I will take the lowest place, and ascend by degrees to the greater glory, if such there be. The first step in the ladder is, of course, its financial status. This is remarkable, and will create astonishment, if not admiration. As I am writing of things, I withhold the honor due laborious workers. Space only permits a few items taken from the official statement, and properly authenticated. The savants will endorse the veracity of the figures.

Collections in England \$68,126 57, collections in Canada and U. S. \$7,617 97, payment of promissory notes \$5,285 50, subscriptions of stock realised \$8,616, making in the aggregate \$88,646 04 for the purchase of the property. Wise and shrewd men say its upset value might reach twenty to thirty thousand dollars. The lien upon it was \$21,900, but is reduced by payments to the Star Life Assurance Company, of \$7,800, so that the small charge against it is only \$14,600.

The small account for necessary expenses of collecting will be expected, as showing the assiduity of the labourers, and certainly "the labourers are worthy of their hire." Their perils by land and by water were great. To give the items in this epistle would be to presume upon your reader's attention, and a reasonable allowance of space; they will be none the less acceptable in my next. Honor to whom honor is due, should regulate all church affairs, and the Western University was a child of the Church in Huron, for it was begun, carried on, and completed by the alumni of Huron College. This must be true for it was the burden of more than one Episcopal charge of the Huron Synod, and the good work received commendation.